के कार्यालयों द्वारा किया गया। क्षतिपूरक वनीकरण के अन्तर्गत के क्षेत्र का निरीक्षण भारत सरकार द्वारा अंतिम मंजूरी दिए जाने तथा प्रयोक्ता एजेंसी द्वारा क्षतिपूरक वनीकरण शुरू करने के बाद ही किया जाएगा।

(घ) ऊपर वर्णित छह खनन पट्टों में से चार में वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के उल्लंघन में काम चल रहा था जिसे माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय के दिनांक 12.12.96 के आदेशों के बाद बंद किया गया। अन्य दो मामलों के संबंध में, खनन पट्टा सितम्बर, 1997 तक वैध था। तत्पश्चात् इस मंत्रालय ने पांच खनन पट्टों के संबंध में अस्थायी कार्यकरण की अनुमति मंजूरी प्रदान की यद्यपि इन प्रस्तावों पर अंतिम निर्णय लेने हेतु कार्रवाई की जा रही थी।

Condition of Caged Animals

1139. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to know the conditions of the caged animals and the environment in which they are kept by the city's research labs/hospital laboratories;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what measures have been taken by Government in cases where the rules laid down by the Indian National Science Association in this regard are violated; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The Government of India have constituted a Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervising Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) in pursuance to the powers conferred by Sub-Section-I of Section-17 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Maneka Gandhi to suggest ways and means to ensure that animals are not subjected to unnecessary pain and suffering.

The Committee has authorised sixteen NGOs, concerned with animal rights, to supervise and inspect institutions where experiments on animals are being carried out in the country. These institutions include medical and veterinary colleges/ research institutions both in the Government and private sector and hospitals. Dr. Iqbal Mallik and Dr. Sindhu of Vatavaran, New Delhi have been authorised by the Committee to inspect the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Safdarjung Hospital, Institute of Immunology, Institute of Communicable diseases and Patel Chest Institute. In addition, an NGO called Friendicoes-SECA has been authorised to inspect Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Sucheta Kriplani Medical College, Delhi School of Medicines, Maulana Azad Medical Institute, Medical College of Delhi University, Escorts Heart Institute, Appollo Hospital, Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Gangaram Hospital.

(c) The guidelines prepared by the Indian National Science Association have been forwarded to a number of institutes/ research institutes/laboratories/hospitals using animals for experimental purposes. The reports of the NGOs authorised to inspect whether the guidelines laid down by the Indian National Science Association are being followed will be examined by the CPCSEA and action as per the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 will be taken for violation, if any.

(d) Does not arise.

Biosphere Reserve Areas

1140. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to declare 22 sites in the country as "biosphere reserve areas";

(b) if yes, the details thereof;

(c) whether such proposal have been received from M.P. and U.P.